



SCC's Democracy Days themed on social justice

This September, SCC Democracy Days 2015 examined race, justice and community with a series of presentations and panel discussions.

"The 2015 program was absolutely one of the best in 15 years of Democracy Days, a frothy combination of timely and timeless subjects, of guest speakers and SCC voices inclusive of students, staff, faculty and administration," said Michael Kuelker, SCC English professor and Democracy Days founder.

Sylvester Brown Jr. (above) spoke to faculty, staff and students about current issues at the intersection of social justice. Brown is a journalist and self-described "change agent"

and is the founder of groups trying to make a difference in the community: When We Dream Together, a nonprofit aimed at revitalizing urban communities, and the Sweet Potato Project, which teaches St. Louis at-risk youth entrepreneurial skills.

Attendance was at an all time high – some topics allowed for standing room only.

Other topics ranged from racial divide and white privilege to Obamacare and current events.

"From the beginning, I've wanted Democracy Days to be a catalyst for dialogue and to bring what we do at SCC into contact with the larger community on issues that concern us all," Kuelker said.



SCC to host its first designated Day of Service

St. Charles Community College will host its first Day of Service from 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in one of several designated volunteer opportunities.

"The purpose of the Day of Service is for faculty, staff and students to come together and effect positive change – however seemingly small – together," said Bryonie Carter, assistant professor of English and service learning coordinator.

Indoor and outdoor volunteer opportunities are available on the SCC campus and at four community partner locations – Calvary Church, North East Community Action Corp. (NECAC), The Salvation Army and Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service.

"Volunteers can reach beyond the SCC campus and positively impact the SCC community as a whole," Carter said. "After all, SCC is a community college."

Participants will be provided a free lunch and refreshments at 1:30 p.m. in the College Center Rotunda.

"We look forward to turning the Day of Service into an annual event, and we need everyone's help this year to do so," Carter said. For more information or to register for the event, visit <http://tinyurl.com/potnlb4>.

College launches portal for students, faculty, staff

In an effort to enhance communication, the college launched the new mySCC portal this fall for faculty, staff and students.

For students, the portal provides easy access to announcements, alerts, college-assigned

email, events, deadlines, college blogs, online registration, class schedules, and college information like catalogs, handbooks, policies and procedures. Tools that were found on the

Cilek attends state trustee meeting focusing on legislative agenda

On Friday, Sept. 11, Dr. Ron Chesbrough, SCC president, led discussion among several Missouri Community College Association (MCCA) presidents, chancellors and trustees regarding the 2015-16 MCCA Legislative Agenda.



A number of trustees were able to attend, including Pam Cilek, vice president of the SCC Board of Trustees. They received information about the national and Missouri legislative agendas and were able to offer comment on the Missouri agenda. This was the first meeting of its type and will be continued in the future.

SCC will stage Tony Award, Pulitzer Prize-winning play, 'Clybourne Park'

SCC's Center Stage Theatre will present Clybourne Park Sept. 30-Oct. 4, in the Donald D. Shook Fine Arts Building theater on the SCC campus.

Bruce Norris's satire has been called excruciatingly funny and squirm-inducing as it explores the fault line between race and property. Clybourne Park is a Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize winning play that spans two generations 50 years apart.

In 1959, Russ and Bev are selling their house, unknowingly bringing the first black family into the neighborhood. This creates some discontent among the white residents of the neighborhood. In 2009, the same property is being bought by a young white couple, whose plan to raze the house and start again is met with equal disapproval by the black residents of the soon-to-be-gentrified area.

The show will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, Sept. 30-Oct. 3; 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 1; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4. Tickets are free to SCC students with ID; \$8 general admission; and \$6 seniors, veterans and students.

Purchase tickets at stcbastickets.com, or call the Box Office at 636-922-8050.

Manufacturing Day on Oct. 2 will challenge perceptions, highlight careers

In celebration of the fourth annual Manufacturing Day, Component Bar Products (CBP) and Midwest Machine Tool Training Center (MMTTC) will open their doors from 2-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2, to more than 400 students and the public in an effort to change people's perceptions about today's manufacturing environment and draw attention to the opportunities a career in manufacturing can provide.

Planned activities include tours of the CBP manufacturing plant and the MMTTC training facility, quad copter demos and booths with interactive exhibits from area manufacturers such as General Motors, Independent Tool, King Innovation, SunEdison Semiconductor, True Manufacturing and Zoltek. The community event will take place at 3855 Corporate Centre Dr. in O'Fallon, Mo. The event is open to the public and includes free food, prizes and fun for everyone.

Manufacturing Day is an annual national event held on the first Friday of October. At the local level, it is supported by thousands of manufacturers as they host students, teachers,

parents, job-seekers and community members at open houses, plant tours and presentations designed to showcase modern manufacturing technology and careers.

"We anticipate a shortage of skilled workers as the current manufacturing workforce nears retirement age," said Amanda Sizemore, SCC dean of corporate and community development. "The average age of the current worker today is 56. Between now and 2020, there will be an increasing demand for skilled professionals in the manufacturing sector who can design, program and operate technology. We need to help students, parents and job-seekers see the opportunities in these career paths."

SCC's Workforce Development Department is co-sponsoring Manufacturing Day along with Component Bar Products, Midwest Machine Tool Training Center, City of O'Fallon, O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Center of St. Charles County and Partners for Progress.

For more information about Manufacturing Day St. Charles County, contact Fay Aubuchon at 636-922-8546.



Annual softball game supports SCC students in need

The SCC Police Department, Cottleville Police Department, Cottleville Fire Protection District and the Central County Fire Protection District took to the softball diamond to support the SCC Student Emergency Relief Fund and the Unlimited Play – McAuley's Playground for disabled children in Cottleville.



Donations, a 50/50 raffle and other raffled items brought in a total of \$7,000 to be split evenly between each cause. The event was held on the SCC softball field in Cottleville.

"The police and fire softball fundraiser is a great community event and an excellent way to bring everyone together to support two outstanding causes," said Bob Ronkoski, SCC director of public safety and chief of police, and one of the event's organizers.

The event's Platinum Sponsor was Securus Financial Planning. Some 46 other businesses, organizations and SCC departments sponsored and supported the event.



Hundreds of students gathered near the SCC Yellow Lot on Sept. 18 for the annual SCC Student Senate bonfire. In addition to roasting marshmallows over the fire, students socialized over games of sand volleyball and an impromptu friendly soccer match.

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public website are now available through the portal, like Canvas, SCC Connection and CougarMail.

Faculty and staff now have one location to find announcements, email, events, college news and a new HR bulletin, as well as all the department information that was once housed on the college's intranet.

The mySCC portal will soon be set as the faculty/staff Internet Explorer home page. Otherwise, users need only log in to *myscc.stchas.edu*. For questions, contact Nick Hogan, website coordinator, at nhogan@stchas.edu.



A crowd of nearly 200 people took part in the United Way's "Chocolate, Wine and All That Jazz" event at SCC on Sept. 12.

FOUNDATION UPDATE

The SCC Foundation is now welcoming members to its new Leadership Society. Leadership Society members are those who want to make an investment that will ensure a high-quality, affordable education remains within reach. These leadership gifts of \$1,000 or more make a lasting impact through student scholarships, academic enhancements, community college and career readiness initiatives. For more information, contact Betsy Schneider, bschneider@stchas.edu.

The SCC Foundation's Employee Sponsored Program kicked off their 2015-16 membership

drive in August, and are more than 80 percent of the way to the committee's goal of 250 members. ESP members are SCC employees who believe in spreading compassion and goodwill to our students, coworkers and community. To do that they raise funds for scholarships, campus enhancements and the Celebration of Life and New Life program. This year's ESP Committee is led by Kate Mikulin, chair, and Tom LaFata, co-chair.

The next Food Truck Frolic and Family Movie Night will be held Friday, Sept. 25, on the SCC Blue Lot, with the showing of *Inside Out*. The event is a partnership between Student Activities, Friends and Alumni, and the Cottleville/Weldon Spring Chamber of Commerce.

United Way West Region kicks off campaign at SCC

The United Way's West Region held its annual "Chocolate, Wine and All That Jazz" campaign kickoff event at SCC's lakeside patio on Sept. 12. Guests enjoyed an extensive array of heavy appetizers, samplings of fine wine and chocolate, a silent auction, a United Way agency presentation from Children's Home Society, and live jazz from The Dawn Weber Group. Don Kalicak, campaign chair, also announced United Way of Greater St. Louis' 2015 campaign goal of \$74.25 million.

MARK THE CALENDAR

The Script – A Campus Sexual Assault Awareness Event | Sept. 22 | 1 p.m. | SSB auditorium

Empathetic Responder Workshop – A Campus Sexual Assault Awareness Event | Sept. 22 | 4 p.m. | SSB auditorium

Lunchtime Trivia | Sept. 23 | noon | Scooter's Place, SC

The Hunting Ground Film and Panel Discussion – A Campus Sexual Assault Awareness Event | Sept. 23 | 6 p.m. | SSB auditorium

SCC Coffeehouse | Sept. 24 | 7-9 p.m. | SSB student lounge

Outdoor Summer Movie Series: *Inside Out* | Sept. 25 | Sundown | Technology Building lawn

Scrooge! Auditions | Sept. 26 | 8:30 a.m.-noon | FAB 108

Young People's Theatre presents *The Reluctant Dragon* | Sept. 26 | SSB

Fibers Invitational | Sept. 28-Nov. 6 | FAB gallery and annex (FAB 106)

Alcohol and Drug Prevention event | Sept. 29-30 | 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | SSB student lounge

Andrew O'Brien: "Living Resilient" – an Alcohol and Drug Prevention event | Sept. 29 | 1-2:20 p.m. | SSB auditorium

Center Stage Theatre presents *Clybourne Park* | Sept. 30-Oct. 4 | FAB theater

Presentations by SCC Nursing Students – an Alcohol and Drug Prevention event | Sept. 30 | 11:30 a.m.-12:50 p.m. | SSB auditorium

Student recital | Sept. 30 | noon-1 p.m. | FAB 118

College Fair | Sept. 30 | 6-8 p.m. | College Center gym

Get Him to the Greek Film – an Alcohol and Drug Prevention event | Oct. 1 | 6:30 p.m. | SSB auditorium

The Nifty Fifties auditions (Young People's Theatre) | Oct. 3 | 9 a.m.-noon | SSB auditorium

Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music auditions (Center Stage Theatre) | Oct. 5-6 | 7 p.m. | FAB theater

Feel Better Fast! Workshop | Oct. 7 | noon | Private Dining Room, SC

Depression Screening Day | Oct. 8 | 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | Private Dining Room, SC

Fall Break | Oct. 12-13. No credit classes, college is open

Feel Better Fast! Workshop | Oct. 14 | noon | Student Center Private Dining Room

Transfer College Fair | Oct. 15 | 11 a.m.-2 p.m. | College Center gym

Lunchtime musician, Ella Mae Bowen | Oct. 15 | 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Scooter's Place, SC

Step Up! Training | Oct. 15 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. | SSB 1102

Young People's Theatre presents *Tumbleweeds* | Oct. 16-18 | FAB theater